

# HOSMER GENEALOGY

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES HOSMER  
WHO EMIGRATED TO AMERICA  
IN 1635 AND SETTLED IN  
CONCORD, MASS.

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# GENEALOGY

## FIRST AND SECOND GENERATIONS

### §1

*A*  
*g.l.h.*  
James Hosmer (1) son of Stephen and Dorothy (Selden) Hosmer, was baptized in Hawkhurst, Kent, England, Dec. 6, 1605. He sailed from London, Apr. 9, 1635, with his wife Ann (2), two daughters, Marie (3) and Ann (4), and two maidservants. He landed at Cambridge (Newtowne), Mass. His wife and two children probably died the first winter. Soon after he went to Concord, Mass., took up land, and remained in Concord the rest of his life. The next two children, James (6) and Mary (7) were children of James and his wife Mary (5). Mary, the wife, was buried 11<sup>o</sup> (3<sup>o</sup>) 1641. The other three children, Stephen (9), Hannah (10), and Mary (11) are recorded as children of James and Alice (8). Alice died Mar. 3, 1664/5. James (1) died in Concord, Feb. 7, 1685.

3 Strains  
of Hosmers  
through  
1. White  
2. Greenwood  
3. Greenleaf  
Howe-Temple  
Greenwood  
Haywood  
White

### Children, (Conc. Rec.),

(by first wife (2))

- 3 Marie, b. in England about 1633; d. young.  
4 Ann, b. in England about 1635; d. young.  
(by second wife (5))  
6 James, b. in New England about 1637. §2.  
7 Mary, b. in Concord 10<sup>o</sup> (11<sup>o</sup>) 1639; d. 18<sup>o</sup> (6<sup>o</sup>) 1642. (Jan. 10)  
(by third wife (8))

- 9 Stephen, b. in Concord 27<sup>o</sup> (9<sup>o</sup>) 1642. §3. (Nov. 27)  
10 Hannah, b. in Concord 16<sup>o</sup> (6<sup>o</sup>) 1644. §4. (Aug. 16)  
11 Mary, b. in Concord 14<sup>th</sup> (2) mo. 16— (probably 1646). (Apr. 4) §5.

### §2

*A*  
*g.l.h.*  
James Hosmer (6) (James<sup>1</sup>) was b. in New England, probably in the year 1637 (no record). He m. Oct. 13, 1658, Sarah White (12) of Lancaster, dau. of John White.\* James was killed by the Indians near "Haynes' Garrison," in the Sudbury Fight, King Philip's War, Apr. 21, 1676.† He was shot through the

Greenleaf  
Chart  
Nos. 156  
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\* See "Descendants of John White."

† In the Concord Records the date of his death is given as Mar. 31, 1676, but on the best authority the fight occurred on April 21, 1676. The inventory of his estate, on file at East Cambridge, Mass., Registry of Probate, states that he was killed the 21 day of the second month, 1676.



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## THOMAS HOSMER

ORIGIN: Hawkhurst, Kent

MIGRATION: 1633

FIRST RESIDENCE: Cambridge

REMOVES: Hartford, Farmington, Hartford

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Admission to Cambridge church prior to 6 May 1635 implied by freemanship.

FREEMAN: 6 May 1635 [ [MBCR](#) 1:370]. In the 12 October 1669 list of freemen at Farmington [ [CCCR](#) 2:521].

EDUCATION: Bequeathed books in his will.

OFFICES: Cambridge selectman, 23 November 1635 [ [CaTR](#) 14].

Connecticut jury, 9 December 1641, 14 October 1642 [ [CCCR](#) 1:70, 76]. On 1 March 1648/9 "Thomas Osmore, for not coming seasonably to serve on the jury, is fined 5s." [ [CCCR](#) 1:177].

ESTATE: Granted three roods for a cowyard at Cambridge, 5 August 1633 [ [CaTR](#) 5]. Granted three acres of planting ground in the Neck of Land, 2 February 1633/4 [ [CaTR](#) 7].

Granted a proportional share of five in the grant of meadow land, 20 August 1635 [ [CaTR](#) 13]. Granted five acres, 8 February 1635/6 [ [CaTR](#) 16]. Credited with four "houses" in the Westend, 8 February 1635/6 [ [CaTR](#) 18].

In the Cambridge land inventory on 10 October 1635 **Thomas Hosmer** held five parcels: one house with backside in the Westend, about two acres and a half (sold to Thomas Marriot [ [CaBOP](#) 52]); three acres on Long Marsh Hill; nine acres in the Neck of Land; two acres in Long Marsh; and eight acres in the Great Marsh [ [CaBOP](#) 31-32]. In 1642 **Thomas Hosmer** held two parcels in Cambridge: "in the town one dwelling house with about half a rood of ground" and "in the West Field five acres of land" [ [CaBOP](#) 103].

In the Hartford land inventory of February 1639/[40] "Thomas Osmer" held five parcels granted to him: "one parcel on which his dwelling house now standeth with other outhouses, yards & gardens therein containing by estimation forty-one acres ... of meadow and upland"; two acres in the South Meadow; fourteen acres in the forty acres; ten acres "lying in Hockanum"; and six acres and three roods in the swamp by the Great River [ [HaBOP](#) 277-78]. (This record is followed by three additional pages of land transactions involving the Hosmer family, but it is sometimes difficult to determine which of these pertain to the immigrant and which to his son Stephen [ [HaBOP](#) 279-81].)

In his will, dated 7 February 1685/[6] and proved 1 September 1687, "**Thomas Hosmer** of Hartford" bequeathed to "my wife £5"; to "my grandson Thomas Hosmore one third part of all my land in Hartford except what is otherwise disposed of, also £20 of stock ... but if he die before twenty-one years of age, to be divided equally betwixt my son Stephen's sons"; to "my son Buckingham £150"; to "my daughter Hunt £125"; to "my daughter Hannah Malby £18 which is the reversion due to me of the estate of Josiah Willard of Wethersfield"; to "my son-in-law Malby £5"; to "my three grandchildren, Thomas Buckingham, Thomas Hunt & Hannah Hosmore, £5 apiece"; to "the rest of my grandchildren 40s. apiece"; "if any of my children shall bring up any of their children to learning so as to make them fit for public service, to each such grandchild I bequeath £10 apiece to be paid them at the age of twenty-one years"; "£5 towards a free school in Hartford"; to "the poor 40s."; "my books to be equally divided betwixt my son Buckingham and my son Stephen"; to "the Rev. Mr. John Whiting £5"; to "my daughter Hunt and to my daughter Buckingham 20s. apiece"; to "my son Buckingham in money 40s."; to "Rev. Mr. Samuel Hooker 40s."; to "my son Stephen Hosmore three acres of my meadowland lying next Mr. Hooker's in Hartford South Meadow, & my now dwelling house & barn & yard & orchard, whom also I appoint sole executor"; to "my daughter Hannah Malby 40s. ... & in case she live to be a widow & in want, I do bequeath her £20 more to be paid her as she needs it"; to "the children of my kinsman Thomas Selden 40s." [ [Manwaring](#) 1:324].

The inventory of **Thomas Hosmer** was taken 14 July 1687 and totalled £1036 [ [Manwaring](#) 1:324].

BIRTH: Baptized Hawkhurst, Kent, 2 January 1602/3, son of Stephen and Dorothy (Selden) Hosmer [Hosmer Gen 6].

DEATH: Northampton 12 April 1687.

MARRIAGE: (1) By about 1636 Frances \_\_\_\_\_. "Mrs. Osmer" was a frequent patient of John Winthrop's and last appeared in his records on 30 July 1668 when she suffered from "a great beating of heart" [ [WMJ](#) 834]. She is said to have died on 15 February 1675.

(2) Hartford 6 May 1679 Catherine (\_\_\_\_\_) Wilton, widow of David Wilton [ [Grant](#) 74; see also [TAG](#) 38:6-7]; she died after 7 February 1685/[6] (date of her husband's will).

CHILDREN:

i HANNAH, b. say 1636; m. (1) Concord 20 March 1656/[7] Josiah Willard [ [CoVR](#) 8], son of Simon Willard (on 12 December 1657 Winthrop treated "Willard \_\_\_\_\_, at G. Osmor's; he married his daughter" [ [WMJ](#) 68]); m. (2) by 1686 William Maltby.

ii CLEMENCE, b. about 1642 ("Osmer, Clements, she is 15 years old" 12 December 1657 [ [WMJ](#) 68]); m. (1) Northampton 3 September 1662 Jonathan Hunt [ [HampVR](#) 20]; m. (2) in 1694 or 1695 John Smith of Milford [ [TAG](#) 25:91].

iii STEPHEN, b. about 1645 (age thirteen years on 11 May 1658 [ [WMJ](#) 111] and "Osmer, Steven 15 y." March 1659/60 [ [WMJ](#) 193]); m. by June 1668 Hannah Bushnell, daughter of Francis Bushnell ("wife of Steven Osmer of Farmington great sweating," 24 June 1668 [ [WMJ](#) 820]; on the 14 January 1689/[90] inventory of Samuel Bushnell, son of Francis Bushnell, one of the next of kin was "Hannah Hosmore," and Stephen Hosmer on 30 June 1690 gave a receipt for a share of the estate [ [TAG](#) 10:102, citing [New London PD](#) Case #858; [Bushnell Anc](#) 4-5]).

iv ESTHER, b. about 1647 ("Osmer, Hester, 10 years," 2 December 1657 [ [WMJ](#) 64]); m. Saybrook 20 September 1666 Thomas Buckingham [ *Vital Records of Saybrook, 1647-1834* (Hartford 1952), p. 10].

ASSOCIATIONS: **Thomas Hosmer** was brother of James Hosmer, who came to New England in 1635 [ [Hotten](#) 54]. A genealogy of his descendants was published in 1928 by George Leonard Hosmer [*Hosmer Genealogy: Descendants of James Hosmer Who Emigrated to America in 1635 and Settled in Concord, Mass.* (Cambridge 1928), cited herein as Hosmer Gen].

Through there mother, Dorothy Selden, Thomas and James Hosmer were uncles of Thomas Selden of Hartford [Hosmer Gen 9].

COMMENTS: On 6 June 1636 **Thomas Hosmer** was one of three men ordered to "make a pen for the calves upon pain of 5s. apiece" [ [CaTR](#) 23].

On 5 March 1644/5 the court "taking the carriage of Jeramy Addoms into consideration, find his misdemeanor great, in adhering to Tho[mas] Osmor in his misapprehensions about the execution, and giving him encouragement by provoking speeches to resist the officer" and "Tho[mas] Osmore, for some expressions used by [him] tending to the derogation of the justice of the Court upon an execution issued out of the Court, is fined £6 13s. 4d." [ [CCCR](#) 1:123-24].

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4 Rev, **Stephen Hosmer**, son of Dea. **Stephen Hosmer** of Hartford Second church ; baptized Aug. 1, 1679; grad. H. C. 1699, pastor of the church in East Haddam, Conn., from 1704 till his death in 1749.